

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 1222 (Harford County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Referred to Economic & Environmental Affairs

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages
(Golf Course License - II)

This enrolled bill creates a Class GC (golf course) beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County. The license may be issued to a golf course that: (1) is open to the public; (2) is operated for profit; and (3) has a minimum of 18 holes. The annual license fee is \$2,200. A licensee may sell alcoholic beverages for consumption only on the land and in the buildings used for golfing purposes between 8 a.m. and 2 a.m. daily. The prohibition on the distance a licensee must remain from a church or school does not apply to a Class GC license.

The bill is effective June 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Harford County revenues would increase by \$2,200 for each Class GC license issued, presently assumed to be less than five per year. The board of license commissioners could monitor the additional licensees with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful effect on small businesses as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: The bill creates a Class GC (golf course) beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County. The number of such licenses to be issued cannot be reliably estimated, but it is assumed to be small (less than five licenses annually). It is expected that the vast majority of golf course licensees would be small businesses. These courses would benefit favorably from the sale of alcoholic beverages on their land and in their buildings.

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